

**U.S. District Court  
Northern District of Georgia (Atlanta)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-03429-MHC**

Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc. v. United States  
Department of Justice  
Assigned to: Judge Mark H. Cohen  
Cause: 05:0552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/30/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/30/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT filed by Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc.. (Filing fee \$400.00, receipt number AGANDC-8827310) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(eop) Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.gand.uscourts.gov/commonly-used-forms">http://www.gand.uscourts.gov/commonly-used-forms</a> to obtain Pretrial Instructions and Pretrial Associated Forms which includes the Consent

		To Proceed Before U.S. Magistrate form. (Entered: 07/31/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>2</u>	Electronic Summons Issued as to United States Department of Justice. (eop) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>3</u>	Electronic Summons Issued as to William P. Barr. (eop) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>4</u>	Electronic Summons Issued as to United States Attorney Office. (eop) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>5</u>	Certificate of Interested Persons by Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc.. (eop) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
07/31/2019	<u>6</u>	<b>STANDING ORDER REGARDING CIVIL LITIGATION.</b> Signed by Judge Mark H. Cohen on 7/31/19. (bnw) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
08/05/2019		Clerks Notation re <u>5</u> Certificate of Interested Persons reviewed by MHC. (lwb) (Entered: 08/05/2019)
08/12/2019	<u>7</u>	Return of Service Executed by Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc.. United States Department of Justice served on 8/5/2019, answer due 10/4/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proof of Service to U.S. Department of Justice, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Proof of Service to U.S. Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Proof of Service to U.S. Attorney NDGA)(Hermann, Kimberly) (Entered: 08/12/2019)
08/28/2019	<u>8</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File a Responsive Pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Brief, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Williams, Samuel) Modified on 8/28/2019 (adg). (Entered: 08/28/2019)
08/28/2019	<u>9</u>	ORDER GRANTING <u>8</u> Motion for Extension of Time through and including 11/11/2019 for United States Department of Justice to file a responsive pleading to the <u>1</u> Complaint. Signed by Judge Mark H. Cohen on 8/28/2019. (adg) (Entered: 08/28/2019)
11/12/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Brief, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Williams, Samuel) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
11/12/2019	<u>11</u>	ORDER Granting <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. United States Department of Justice's Answer due 12/12/2019. Signed by Judge Mark H. Cohen on 11/12/19. (bjh) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
12/12/2019	<u>12</u>	MOTION to Dismiss <i>the Complaint</i> with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Brief, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Exhibit 1)(Williams, Samuel) (Entered: 12/12/2019)
12/23/2019	<u>13</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss with Brief In Support by Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Brief Brief in Support of Plaintiff's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Hermann, Kimberly) (Entered: 12/23/2019)
12/23/2019	<u>14</u>	ORDER granting <u>13</u> Motion for Extension of Time to file response <u>12</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>the Complaint</i> through and including 1/9/2020. Signed by Judge Mark H. Cohen on 12/23/2019. (dob) (Entered: 12/23/2019)
01/09/2020	<u>15</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>12</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>the Complaint</i> filed by Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit Declaration of Kimberly S. Hermann)(Hermann, Kimberly) (Entered: 01/09/2020)
01/23/2020	<u>16</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to Reply re: <u>15</u> Response in Opposition to Motion with Brief In Support by United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Brief, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Williams, Samuel) (Entered: 01/23/2020)
01/24/2020	<u>17</u>	ORDER Granting <u>16</u> Motion for Extension of Time through and including 2/6/20 to file a Reply to <u>12</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>the Complaint</i> . Signed by Judge Mark H. Cohen on 1/24/20. (bjh) (Entered: 01/24/2020)

01/29/2020	<u>18</u>	Notice for Leave of Absence for the following date(s): 2/4/20, 2/10/20, 2/11/20, 2/14/20, 2/17/20, 2/18/20, 2/19/20, 2/20/20, 2/21/20, by Kimberly Stewart Hermann. (Hermann, Kimberly) (Entered: 01/29/2020)
01/30/2020	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Anna Celia Howard on behalf of Southeastern Legal Foundation, Inc. (Howard, Anna) (Entered: 01/30/2020)
02/06/2020	<u>20</u>	REPLY BRIEF re <u>12</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>the Complaint</i> filed by United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Williams, Samuel) (Entered: 02/06/2020)
02/07/2020		Submission of <u>12</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>the Complaint</i> , to District Judge Mark H. Cohen. (bjh) (Entered: 02/07/2020)
03/20/2020	<u>21</u>	GENERAL ORDER 20-01 RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONA VIRUS. Signed by Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 3/16/2020. (bdb) (Entered: 03/25/2020)
04/02/2020	<u>22</u>	Amended General Order 20-01 re COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONA VIRUS. Signed by Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 3/30/20. (aaq) (ADI) (Entered: 04/02/2020)
05/04/2020	<u>23</u>	SECOND AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER 20-01 RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONA VIRUS. Signed by Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 04/30/2020. (adg) (ADI) (Entered: 05/04/2020)
05/21/2020	<u>24</u>	Certification of Consent to Substitution of Counsel. Lisa D. Cooper replacing attorney Samuel Harrington Williams. (Cooper, Lisa) (Entered: 05/21/2020)
05/27/2020	<u>25</u>	THIRD AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER 20-01 RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONA VIRUS. Signed by Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 05/26/2020. (ddm) (ADI) (Entered: 05/27/2020)
07/02/2020	<u>26</u>	FOURTH AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER 20-01 RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONA VIRUS. Signed by Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. on 07/01/2020. (rvb) (ADI) (Entered: 07/02/2020)